4-H speakers cited for excellence

The Annual County 4-H Public Speaking program was held February 19 at Appomattox Elementary School. More than 200 persons attended the program which featured 4-H speakers who had been selected from a total of 367 4-H members who had presented speeches in earlier programs. Awards for 4-H Public Speaking were provided by Farmers National Bank.

4-H Public Speaking provided young people with the opportunity to prepare and present a speech before an audience. The experience of public speaking helps the participant gain poise and confidence that will hopefully assist him or her in later life.

The 4-H'ers judged as the top overall speakers in the County program are listed with their topics:

Brian Dickerson–"Pamplin Clay Pipes;" **Sharla Kavasnicka**–"Let a Woman Be President;" **Valerie Guill**–"Nadia;" **Leroy Wooldridge**–"Martin Luther King, Jr.;" **Brian Hudson**–"Chains of Captivity;" **Monica Stratton**–"Animal Expressions;" **Lisa Harrison**–"Wood - Our Renewable Natural Fuel;" Brett Marston–"His Dream is Mine;" **Sylvia Trent**–"That Terrible Experience;" and **Blair Smith**–"Agriculture, It's Your Heart Beat America."

Other 4-H'ers participating in the County 4-H Public Speaking Program include: Michelle Baldwin, Celeste Bartelt, Robert Coleman, Rodney Forest, Kim Krantz, Melanie Morris, Danny Richardson, Debbie Richardson, Joe Servis, Bob Stratton, Bobby Swanberg, Natasha Wooldridge, Jeff Agee, Kathy Beasley, Jeff Foltz, Kim Fuller, Susan Carnefix, Scott Dawson, Dianne Hamlin, Sally Inge, Tammy Irby, Beth Marston, Lissa Martin, Amy Morris, Renita Mullins, Rick Pack, T. M. Phelps, Rhonda Ranson, Darrell Richardson, Amy Shea, Cheryl Simpson, Zane Torrence, Micki Wells, Johnny White, Renee Wesley, Annette Turner, Kathy Bryan, Audra Doss, James Isom, Wendy Lawson, Jo Ann Layne, Robin LeGrand, Jennifer Coleman, Andre McCoy, Robin Miller, Karen Trent, Leigh Ann Taylor, Cheryl Austin, Shirley Cashwell, Nancy Cole, Martha Haley, Jo Ann Jamerson, Tiffany Royal, Janet Smith.

Announcers for the program were Laurie Cowan, Steve Cyrus, David Hancock, Allen Smith, Karen Stevens and Laura Walton.

Special appreciation is extended to Farmers National Bank and Mr. William A. Hunter, President, for their support of 4-H Public Speaking. Appreciation is also extended to all the elementary school teachers who encouraged and supported the young people presenting speeches.

1981 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS - (left to right): Mr. Bill Hunter, Farmers National Bank, Leroy Wooldridge, Blair Smith, Brian Dickerson, Monica Stratton, Sharla Kavasnicka, Brian Hudson, Sylvia Trent, Valerie Guill, Brett Marston, Lisa Harrison.

Fed funds allocated

Federal funds have been allocated to Central Virginia Commission on Aging for an Energy Crisis Intervention Program. This program is for low income residents in the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, and Campbell, with an energy related crisis.

Those 125% or under the Poverty Guidelines, not having access to direct assistance of the same type from another source, with an EMERGENCY, life threatening or health related situation may apply.

Oakville

By MRS. M.A. HUNTER

The W.M.U. of Oakville will hold its monthly meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. All members and prospective members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Thelma Thornhill is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lucado. Mrs. Lucado and Mrs. Thornhill visited Mrs. Alise Drinkard Sunday p.m.

Mrs. Alise Drinkard ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin. In the p.m. Mrs. Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin visited the sick: Mrs. Clydie Bell, Mr. Clay Bell, and Mr. Alvin Bell. Mrs. Sue Campbell, Mr. H. O. Martin and Mr. Emory Martin.

Mrs. Clark Moore who has returned home after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Marshall is improving. She has had much company and she enjoys it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Martin, Robin Irene, Mrs. Hubbard Moore, Mrs. Grayson Martin, and Mrs. Marshall Martin were dinner guests of Miss Lucy Adams at Weynoke Hotel, Farmville, Sunday, February 22.

Mrs. Marshall Martin spent a few days lasy week with Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Martin, Lynchburg.

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Pugh - Monigold wed in mock ceremony

Angela Dawn Pugh was married to Michael Monigold in a mock wedding at Appomattox County High School on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The mock wedding was a project of students in Home Economics classes. The students have been studying marriage and the family this semester, and the wedding was the culmination of the project.

Class members took part in various roles of the wedding. Some participated as bridesmaids, mothers, guests, wedding and reception planners, and as hostesses and director.

The project was designed to help students plan for their futures, and be ready when the big day comes.

Mrs. Cynthia Jackson was the student teacher during this project.

Participating with Angela Pugh and Mike Monigold in the project were: Minister, Angie Woods; bridesmaids, Cynthia Goode, Regina Goggin, Anita Harvey, Sherry Roope; maid of honor, Angie Ferguson; Ushers, Tim Garrett, Jim Hix, Neil Cole, Tracy Chernault; best man, Tommy Smith; bride's parents, Laura Walton and Norman Turner; groom's mother, Sharon Davis; mistress of ceremonies, Jane Guill.

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Beginning March 18 Gymnastics classes set

The spring session of YWCA gymnastics classes will be held from March 18 through May 13, according to a release from the YWCA.

The classes will be held at Appomattox County High School at the following times: Advanced Beginner, 3:30 p.m.; Beginner, 4:30 p.m.; Intermediate, 5:45 p.m.; Advanced, 6:15 p.m.; and Beginner/Advanced Beginner, 6:45 p.m.

YWCA membership is required to participate, and there will be a fee for the session.

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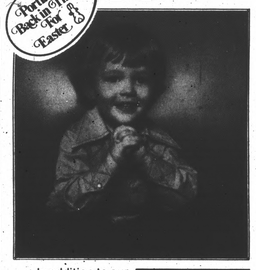
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"We played our hearts out....I guess maybe it just wasn't meant to be."

That's how Appomattox varsity basketball coach Coy Dickerson analyzes last Tuesday evening's 69-67 first-round tournament loss to the Gretna Hawks.

The Raiders, matched with top-seeded Gretna in the opening round of the tournament did not give up easily, however.

The local team played Gretna close in the first period, which ended with the Hawks ahead, 17-15. In the second quarter, Appomattox pulled even with Gretna, and as the buzzer sounded ending the first half, the score was knotted at 29-29.

"Our foul shooting and defense kept us going in the first half," Dickerson said this week. The Raiders went 12 for 12 from the foul line in the first half of play.

The Raiders came out of the locker room red hot in the third quarter, building a lead that, at one point, totaled ten points over Gretna. But, the Hawks came back, shooting from the outside after discovering they could not penetrate the Raider defense, and at the end of the third quarter, Appomattox held a three-point lead, 47-44.

The fourth quarter was a see-saw battle which came down to a last-second jump shot by Kevin Ferguson which tied the score at 61-61 and sent the game into overtime.

The overtime period was another see-saw battle. At one time, the Raiders were up by four points, but Gretna, with its hot-handed outside shooters, came back and stifled the Raiders in the closing seconds of play to win the game, 69-67.

Despite the outcome of the game, it was a gallant effort by the local team. Four Raider players scored in double figures: Rick Caldwell, (14 points), Kevin Ferguson (17 points), Jeff Miller (16 points) and Shane Abernathy (14 points).

And the Raiders played excellent defense as well. "We did a good job of shutting down their game inside, forcing them to go to the outside shots," said Dickerson. " The points they (Gretna) made, the certainly earned."

The Raiders also had an outstanding evening at the foul line, sinking 25 of 33 attempted free throws for a 75.7 percent performance in that department. To their 25 freethrows, the Raiders added 21 field goals.

Gretna hit on 30 field goals and went nine for 16 from the foul line for a 56.2 percent freethrow performance.

With the season's end, Dickerson had nothing but praise for his team, which compiled a 7-12 record this year.

"This group of kids gave us everything they had," Dickerson said. "We started the year with a couple of experienced ball players, and at the end of the season we had become a basketball team in the finest sense of the word."

The Raiders also overcame adversity during their season, according to Dickerson. "We bounced back: we lost the first four ball games, but we did not give up."

Dickerson was especially proud of his two seniors, Shane Abernathy and Marvin Miller.

"We hated to see this season end," he concluded. "We came a long way, and we're looking forward to next year. We know we have alot of work to do but we finished the year on a positive note, and you can bet that's how we'll go into next year."

ROBIN MARTIN goes up for two against Rustburg in the Semipole District tournament.

Girls end season

The Raiderette varsity basketball team was defeated 53-36 in the second round of the Seminole District tournament Friday evening, by a powerful Rustburg team which went on to claim the district title.

The Raiderettes had a slow first half, and Ruby Smith, Appomattox's leading scorer, got into foul trouble early and played only approximately three minutes in the entire first half.

The local team scored six points in the first period, to Rustburg's eight points. In the second quarter, the Raiderettes were outscored 10 points to six, and the score stood at 18-12, favor of Rustburg, when the teams went into the locker rooms at halftime.

In the third quarter, the local girls played Rustburg even, scoring 12 points to match the Lady Red Devils' 12. In the final quarter, the Rustburg team exploded for 23 points, while holding Appomattox to 12 points, and the game ended at 53-36, Rustburg.

Coach Mary Tolley said foul trouble, as well as a poor shooting percentage from the floor, were responsible for the demise of the Raiderettes against Rustburg.

"Ruby (Smith) picked up two fouls early (in the first quarter), was taken out, then went back in the second quarter and picked up her third foul within two plays," Tolley commented. She added that Raiderette veterans Susan Handy and Rhonda Jaggars also got into foul trouble, each picking up three personals in the first half.

Despite Smith's limited playing time, she still managed to lead the Raiderettes in scoring, totaling 18 points for the night, including eight field goals and two freethrows.

Handy and Lolita Preston scored five points each for the Raiderettes, Karen Johnson scored four points, and Robin Martin and Rhonda Jaggars each scored two points for the local team.

The Raiderettes hit on six of 11 freethrows for a 55 percent performance at the foul line.

Rustburg was led in scoring by Cindy Lewis, who came away from the game with 21 points on the night. Amanda Jackson scored 10 points for the Lady Red Devils, Marjorie Dyke, Lori Fariss, and Lisa Charlton each scored six points, and Sarah Jackson scored four points against the Raiderettes.

Rustburg hit on 17 of 22 attempted freethrows against the Raiderettes, for a 77 percent performance at the foul line.

The Raiderettes ended their season with 37 wins and 7 losses. Rustburg went on to defeat Liberty for the Seminole District championship.

SENIOR SHANER ABERNATHY has been named to the first-team All-Seminole District basketball squad.

Abernathy, Smith honored

Senior Raider Shane Abernathy and Sophomore Raiderette Ruby Smith were two Appomattox basketball players named to the All Seminole District first team this week.

With Abernathy on the first team for district boys' basketball were Jerry Davis of Gretna, who was also named player of the year, Lincoln Wood of Rustburg, James Dillard of William Campbell, and Robbie Myers of Altavista.

With Smith on the first team for district girls were Gretna's Sherry Parker (Player of the Year), and Vickie Zimmerman, Pam Jackson and Junel Leftwich, all of Liberty.

The second-team, All-District boys' squad was comprised of Micha Moon of Altavista, Vince Glass and Charles Booth of Gretna, David Hughes of Jefferson Forest, and Russ Gowin of Buckingham.

The second-team girls' squad consists of Nelson's Marsha Beard, Rustburg's Cindy Lewis, Brookville's Debbie Keys, and Cornelia Scott and Colleen Corish of William Campbell.

In addition, Appomattox's Marvin Johnson, a senior, received honorable mention in the voting for the All-Distroct boys' team.

SOPHOMORE RUBY SMITH has been named to the first-team All Seminole District basketball squad.

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A Question of Law

Editor's Note: Following is one in a series of columns regarding the law which the Times-Virginian will provide as a public service to its readers each month. The monthly question-and-answer column is written by Albert Teich, Jr., professor of business law at Old Dominion University.

Question: Does any United States citizen have the right to petition the government for redress of a grievance?

Answer: Yes. The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States does have the above right. The Amendment states that Congress shall make no law abridging the right of the people to petition the government for a redress of grievances. Article I, Section 12 of the Constitution of Virginia also protects the right of the people to petition the government for the redress of grievances.

Question: I am a 70-year-old widow and I am having trouble in collecting from Medicare for a doctor's bill which I recently paid for my late husband. I first called, since the doctor would not accept assignment, and was told that they would not pay until I had paid the bill and sent proof of payment. I filled out the form, borrowed the money, paid the bill and have had no response. After checking, I was told that they had not received it. I did all the work over again, and still no response. What can I do? I need the money and only have my small social security check every month to live on.

Answer: While it is too late for this advice to do you any good, you, and others in your same position should know that wives are not responsible for the bills of their late husbands unless they expressly agreed to assume liability. You probably did not have to pay the doctor and the only way he would have been able to collect would have been to accept assignment and sent the bill himself to Medicare.

Now, what can you do for yourself to collect your money? I have always found a magical way of getting prompt service from a government agency and this is to contact my congressman and ask for help. I am going to take the opportunity of sending the letter you wrote to me to Congressman Bob Daniel, House Office Building, Washington, D.C., and ask him to help you.

Often, a letter from a congressional office or a telephone call from a staff member hurries up the action of a government agency.

New officers for the Young Hearts Club were installed at last week's club meeting. Shown above are Helen Gunter, president; Florence Ranson, first vice president; John Hall, third vice president; Margurite Gilliam, secretary; Florence Trent, assistant secretary; Jessi Carwile, treasurer; Virginia Smith, recording secretary; and Neola Smith, program chairman. Not shown is Christine Ranson, second vice president.

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